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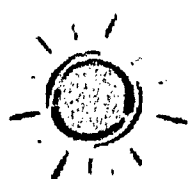
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DEPRESSION SCREENING

Northwest's Counseling Center will host a "National Depression Screening Day" Oct. 5 at the Student Union. They can screen for depression, mood and anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder and post traumatic stress disorder.

NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK

Sept. 25-29.

TODAY

"Swimming with SAC" 10 p.m. to midnight at the Foster Aquatics Center.

X-Box 360 Factor, noon to 6 p.m. in the Union.

Intramural flag football entries close and meeting, 4 p.m.

"The Laramie Project," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

WEEKEND

BRUSH, Saturday, Sept. 30, and Oct. 1. Volunteers needed to help beautify homes around Maryville.

MONDAY

Jody Boyer and Russ Nordman Video Art Exhibit opens, lecture and reception, 7 p.m., 244 Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

TUESDAY

Education majors: Spring 2007 student teaching applications due to TESS office.

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 21 edition of the Northwest Missourian we incorrectly identified Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder as John Kinder in a photograph.

KNWT CHANNEL 8 PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday
7 p.m. Etc.
7:30 p.m. Inside Northwest
8 p.m. Bearcat Update
8:30 p.m. Bearcat Idol

Visit the web for:

Visit our online addition for a slideshow of KNWT's "Bearcat Idol," which is videotaped every Tuesday at The Pub from 9 to 10 p.m.

Explosion injures student

Kristin Summers
Chief Reporter

A man was injured in a propane explosion Tuesday afternoon on Highway H.

Northwest student Clint Johnson was working on a skid loader at Shipps grain elevator when he backed into and punctured a 6,000 gallon propane tank.

Johnson is currently hospitalized at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Officials could not confirm his condition as of press time.

Gary Shipps, who owns the grain elevator, was in a nearby shed and heard the explosion, according to Keith Wood, director of Maryville Public Safety.

Johnson was able to remove himself from the skid loader and away from the tank that had around 4,000 gallons of propane in it.

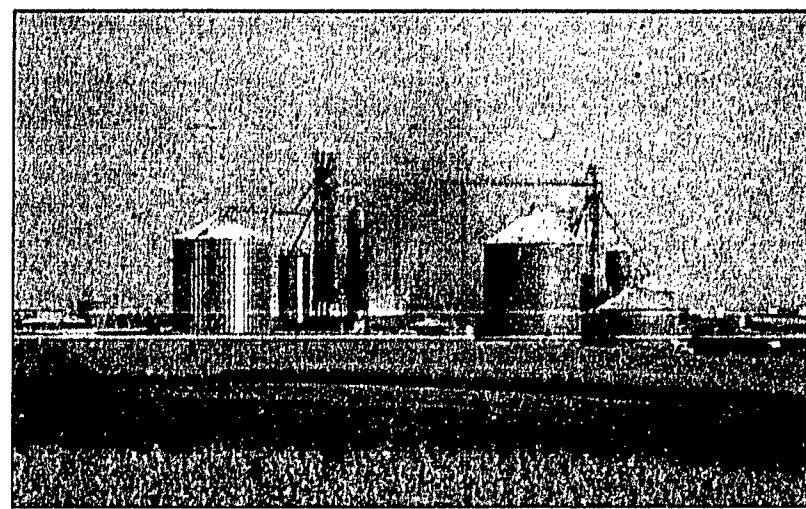
The explosion occurred at 1:07 p.m., Tuesday Sept. 26. Minor explosions followed in the adjoining machine shed. Everything in the shed was burnt including at least two bulldozer tractors.

Wood said they were worried the explosion would cause a BLEVE, a boil-

ing liquid evaporating vapor explosion. At first, police thought it was a grain dust explosion but then they became worried about various hazards that could have altered the situation.

Initially police were concerned with some of the chemicals, including those around the tank, but the majority of the chemicals were stored in another building.

After the explosion Wood said the biggest problem was being able to have enough water at the scene to keep the propane from boiling. The last unit left the scene around 7:30 p.m.



Smoke streams from the grain warehouse south of town on Highway H after a propane tank exploded and caught one building on fire. Northwest student Clint Johnson was flown to the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City with unknown injuries.

So, you want to be a STAR?

Into its second week of competition, 'Bearcat Idol' shines the spotlight on talented Northwest students



Tara Adkins, Stephanie Stangl
Chief Reporter, Editor in Chief

Derick Cunigan won last week's 'Bearcat Idol' competition. He will compete in the final round against the other 'Idols.'



Judges Wesley Miller provides comments before revealing the score he gave to one of the contestants Tuesday night as judges Stephanie Costanzo and Logan Galloway wait their turn. (Top) Kara Adams and Emily Shelor perform in the tie-breaker.

Singing "Happy Birthday" never meant so much. After Northwest student Kara Adams belted out "New York State of Mind," by Billy Joel, and Emily Shelor tried her hand at "I Will Always Love You," by Whitney Houston, each received perfect eights from all three judges during Tuesday's taping of "Bearcat Idol."

Show producers decided having each sing "Happy Birthday" would determine the winner.

The University's television station, KNWT-TV, has student-produced the show, inspired by "American Idol" and other reality TV shows.

"We've produced our own spin-off of American Idol that has created a big buzz among students," said Steve Serrano, co-producer and co-host. Each week, eight contestants will perform their choice of karaoke song at the Maryville Pub. Weekly judges will rate each act based on vocals, energy level and overall performance.

"People can watch their friends on TV and connect with the local programming that will help with our viewership but also provide everyone with a good laugh," Serrano said.

KNWT, X106 and the Student Activities Council sponsor the series. Members of each organization will rotate each week to judge performances throughout the season.

Prizes include \$25 gift cards to Wal-Mart, a \$100 iTunes gift card and a grand prize of \$500 with the opportunity to open for the act the University brings in for the spring concert.

But not everyone Tuesday night received perfect eights from the judges; in fact, nearly all the other contestants scored significantly lower. Northwest student Dan Whitcare's performance of "Hanging by a Moment," by Lifehouse, failed to impress the judges, earning him scores of fives and sixes, even though he is serious about singing and possibly starting a band.

"It was a little tough," Whitcare said. "I haven't sung in awhile and it was tough to just pick a song out of their list." Winners from each show will open for the following week's show and will advance to the finals in 10 weeks to compete for the grand prize.

see IDOL on 6A

Politics possible factor in low gas prices

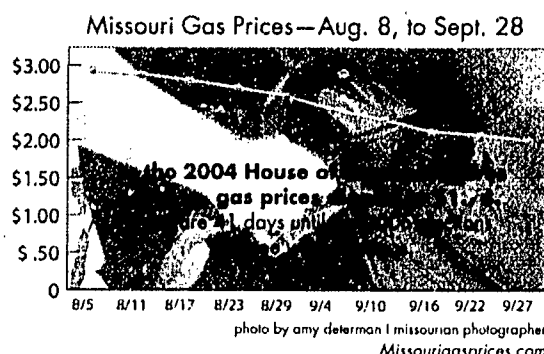
Kristin Summers
Chief Reporter

Pumping gas into his red truck as his little dog Sassy anxiously waits for him, a big sign beside him reads \$2.06.

Jim Piveral, 75, remembers gas costing only 19 cents back in 1949. Though Piveral thinks the price of gas today deals mainly with oil companies being greedy, he doesn't want to believe that politics could be a factor in gas prices.

With the upcoming elections in November several polls show correlation between Bush's approval ratings and the recent declines in the price of gas.

According to a study printed in USA TODAY by Doug Henwood, editor of the Left Business Observer, found that 78 percent of the movement in Bush's approval ratings could be linked to



changes in gas prices.

Fred Lamer, an associate professor in the mass communications department, said that Republicans are in danger of losing the House of Representatives in November and by using gas prices to persuade voters will only help them.

"Who politically benefits?" Lamer said. "It's not the Democrats. If gas stays cheap and television stays cheap then they (Republicans) have a much better chance of retaining the house."

However, (Mo-R) Brad Lager, Missouri's fourth district state representative, said gas prices deal with supply and demand and believes that the government does not control gas prices.

Lager said he believes gas consumption is ultimately driven by the current market and on what the consumer is willing to pay.

Adrienne Marsh, spokesperson for Democrat Claire McCaskill, said it does seem odd about Bush's approval ratings correlating with gas prices.

Lamer said historical data and circumstances led him to take notice in the links between elections

see GAS on 6A

University refused Baldrige team visit

Evan Young
University Editor

Northwest recently learned it was out of the running for the 2006 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

The University failed to make it to the third round of the award process, known as the Site Visit Review.

After Northwest's application for the award was submitted in May, it entered an Independent Review. A panel of independent examiners representing a number of U.S. industries, companies and organizations gave applications an initial evaluation for areas of achievement and improvement in any or all of 29 examination items within seven specific categories.

The judging categories include leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; human resource focus; process management and results.

The examiners then determined which applicants would move forward to the second stage, the Consensus Review. There a panel of judges decided which applicants would receive site visits.

During a site visit, a team of examiners views the applicant's facilities to verify the information provided in the application and to clarify any questions that have come up during the review process.

Finally, the Baldrige judges will give a final review of all site visit applicants and vote on the winners. Feedback reports are sent to all applicants, regardless of how far they made it through the examination process.

The Baldrige judges rank applicants' scores in bands. Starting with Band 1, applicants are placed in higher bands based on their category scores. Baldrige Award winners can be selected from any band.

Including this year, Northwest has applied for the Baldrige Award five times, four times in the past four consecutive years. Though the University has received three site visits, it has yet to be selected for an award.

This year, the University placed in Band 4. In 2005, it placed in Band 6, one of only two applicants to be given such a high ranking in the award's history. In 2003 and 2004, Northwest placed in Band 5. From 2003 to 2005, all Baldrige Award recipients were ranked in Band 4.

The news concerns Northwest president Dean Hubbard, who said he believes there are significant flaws in the award's examination process.

From 1992 to 1996, Hubbard served as a Baldrige National Quality Program examiner. He said he discovered there is no appeal process during the Consensus Review stage.

see BALDRIGE on 6A



CRASH

Maryville Public Safety was involved in a crash Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7:45 a.m. An investigation was conducted by the Missouri Highway Patrol.

photo: submission by William Murphy

PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Did you go somewhere great over your summer break? Did you take a great photo over the summer you'd like everyone to see? Send us your photos to northwestmissourian@hotmail.com for a chance to be published in an upcoming issue of the Northwest Missourian.

EXPLORING MAJORS

Draven Nevermore signs in at the Exploring Majors events Tuesday. Exploring Majors helps undecided majors choose their field of study.

photo by Dana Wickwire



CAMPUS BRIEFS

Noted professor to deliver this year's Ploghoft Lecture

Robert L. Williams, professor emeritus at Washington University in St. Louis, will deliver this year's Ploghoft Lecture at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Williams is best known for popularizing ebonics, a style of English used by some African-Americans. During his teaching career, Williams served 22 years as a professor of psychology, African studies and African-American studies at Washington University, where he developed the Institute of Black Studies and served as its first director.

Williams has published more than 60 professional articles and two books, appearing on numerous television programs, such as "The Phil Donahue Show" and "The Tonight Show." He has also been featured on the Black Entertainment Television network and "NBC News."

Each year, the Ploghoft Lecture series brings individuals to campus who have a distinguished record in the promotion of racial harmony and internationalism.

Mexican ballet kicks off Encore performing arts series

Ballet Folklórico de Mexico, one of Mexico's premier folk dance companies, will open Northwest's 2006-2007 Encore performing arts series at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Combining Mexican folk traditions with classic ballet and modern dance, Ballet Folklórico has grown to become the largest and most renowned dance companies in the Americas since the late Mexican choreographer Amalia Hernandez started it in 1952.

Tickets are \$25 for orchestra seats and \$23 for balcony seats. They can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building, or online at nwmissouri.edu/tickets.

CNN terrorism analyst Peter Bergen to visit campus

Northwest's Distinguished Lecture Series kicks off with journalist, author and CNN terrorism analyst Peter Bergen.

Bergen will speak at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Admission is free.

Considered one of the world's top experts on international terrorism, at Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, Bergen has written numerous books and articles on the subjects and, as a CNN producer in 1997, produced bin Laden's first television interview.

Born in Minneapolis in 1962, Bergen was raised in London and received a bachelor's degree in modern history from New College, Oxford University. He is a fellow at the New America Foundation in Washington, D.C., and an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies.

St. Louis Brass Quintet comes to campus for free concert

The St. Louis Brass Quintet will perform at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building's Charles Johnson Theatre. Admission is free.

Members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra formed the quintet 40 years ago. Their repertoire features a variety of musical genres, ranging from Baroque and Renaissance classics, to folk songs, to jazz standards and popular tunes from the great American songbook. The concert is made possible through the support of the Missouri Arts Council, Bach Instruments and a Northwest Culture of Quality grant.

University of Central Missouri; Mules get new name

On Thursday, Sept. 21, Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg was renamed the University of Central Missouri.

Since opening in 1871 as the State Normal School for the Second Normal District of Missouri, the now-UCM has undergone five name changes.

The institution's estimated cost roughly \$200,000 to complete the change across campus, including the replacement of items such as signs and scoreboards.

KXCV hires new manager

Ted Riley from Stillwater, Okla., has been hired to replace Sharon Bonnet as general manager of KXCV, Northwest's public radio station.

Bonnet retired on July 1 after 34 years. Riley will begin work on Nov. 13.

Yearbook, online newspaper are Pacemaker finalists

The Northwest Missourian online, nwmissourinews.com, the Tower yearbook and Tower DVD are Pacemaker finalists judged by the Associated Collegiate Press. The two staffs will attend the ACP National Conference in October.

Group strives for culture appreciation

Andrea James
Missourian Reporter

A Northwest multicultural organization will help plan an event they hope will increase appreciation for cultural differences.

Northwest's Intercultural and International Center is co-sponsoring MOSAIC, Midwest Organization of Students Advancing Interculturalism, along with the Unity Project. The Unity Project is an intercollegiate student organization that is devoted to diversity and multiculturalism, according to Nwmosaic.com.

MOSAIC hopes to raise awareness and appreciation of other cultures with its "Rising Up and Reaching Out" event on Friday, Oct. 6, and Saturday, Oct. 7 at Northwest, according to Ame Lambert, Director of Minority Affairs.

"It gives us new opportunities to celebrate life and human culture. There is something here for everyone," Lambert said.

MOSAIC will feature intercollegiate competitions, speakers, workshops and a banquet.

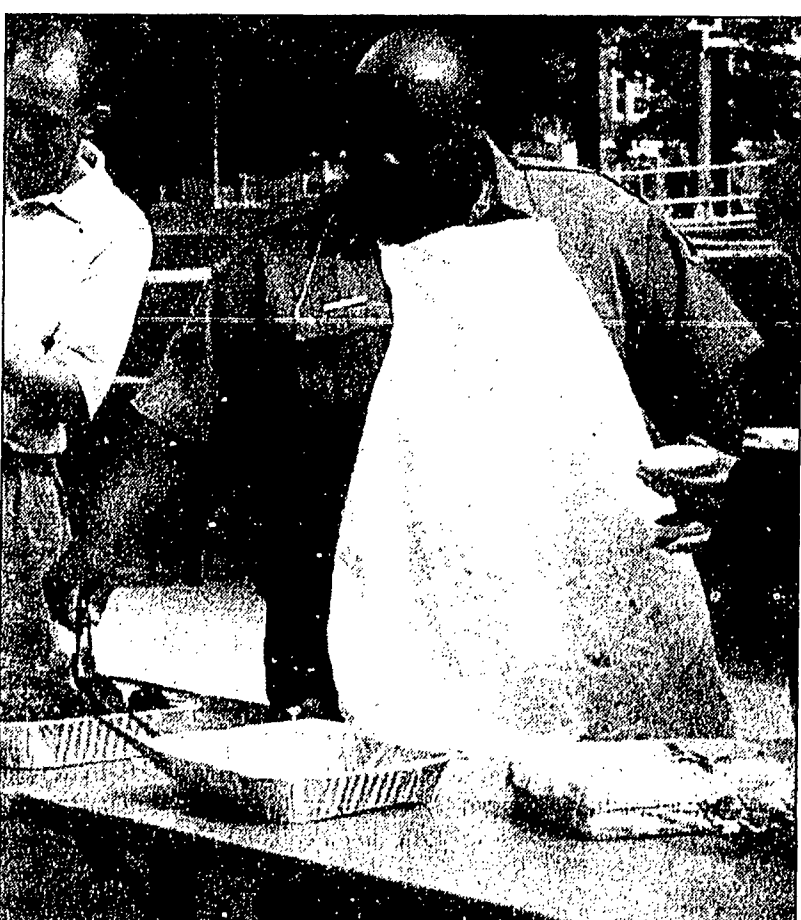
The banquet will include live music, a keynote speech by Mercedes Johnson and an award that will be given to ABC heroes by Northwest junior Raquel Grant.

"I find it interesting to reach out to non-minority students and get them to join in and participate," Grant said.

This is MOSAIC's first appearance at Northwest and the participants are hoping it will go well, according to Northwest senior Saida Holman who has been advertising on and off campus for the event.

"The first time for something is always the hardest," Holman said. Tickets are \$10 for Northwest students and \$15 for non students. They are available at the JIC front desk, at the information booth on the second floor of the Union and on the first floor of the Union at the food court. For more information and a list of the weekend events contact Lambert at lambert@nwmissouri.edu or go to Nwmosaic.com.

SERVIN' UP SOME SAFETY



Director of Campus Safety Clarence Green serves hamburgers during a barbecue on campus Wednesday. Campus Safety and Peer Education sponsored "Drive Safe, Drive Smart" to raise awareness about responsible driving.

Jessica Schmidt
Managing Editor

With a packed resume, Jim Blackford could easily step back and take a break from leadership opportunities.

After all, he's served on countless boards and done everything from managing companies to officiating football games.

Yet, the senior vice president of Citizens Band and Trust in Maryville continues to add to his long list of leadership roles.

As of July 1, 2006, Blackford officially took over as president of the Northwest Foundation.



Jim Blackford
Board of Directors President

Inc. Board of Directors. Blackford replaces former president Chuck Place of Albany, Mo.

Established in 1971, the private not-for-profit corporation works with the University to manage resources given by donors to the foundation that eventually go to the University.

With an ever-increasing demand for private support to help state universities, Blackford said the foundation is looking to move away from "general, broad-brushed" campaigns and focus on a "college-unit" based system.

According to Blackford, the college-unit system assigns advanced officers to the individual colleges.

The deans and officers then set their own priorities and goals for each college.

Though the foundation recently finished a highly-publicized capital campaign that raised \$43.5 million, Blackford said the foundation continues to fundraise.

"We do have something in our favor. Each group of graduates that become part of our alumni family are possible donors and that's an ever-growing group," Blackford said. "In the next few years we also have the 'baby boomers,' which we all know are a large group... But they have reached that place in their life where they have the capacity to do so and have an interest in giving back. So that is a plus and a unique window of opportunity for us to appeal to that group."

A 1972 Northwest alumna, Blackford is also the former chief financial officer and co-owner of LMP Steel & Wire Co. He is a member of the Community of Faith Board of Directors, the Maryville Rotary Club, the St. Francis Hospital Foundation Board of Directors and the Nodaway County Economic Development Board of Directors.

"When I look back at my time at Northwest the opportunity and the benefits it gave me, the opportunity to pay back is a real motivator to pursue a position like this," Blackford said.

Orrie Covert, Northwest's vice president for university advancement and executive director of the Northwest Foundation, said that



Alumni award recipient Sean O'Brien talks during the banquet Friday night. O'Brien was honored for his legal work with clients on death row, which includes saving three innocent people from execution.

Northwest honors alumni at banquet

Lindsay Jacobs, Kristin Summers
Chief Reporters

Though the black ties and sequins dresses were new this year, Northwest alumni carried on a tradition.

The annual Alumni Awards Banquet was held Friday, Sept. 22 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. This year five alumni were recognized for their achievements.

Sean O'Brien, class of 1977, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. The awards recognize an alum's personal achievement in their chosen field. O'Brien, a defense attorney, is the president and executive director of the Public Interest Litigation Clinic in Kansas City.

"This is like coming home to me," O'Brien said before receiving the award.

O'Brien said Northwest has changed physically since he attended, but the flavor of campus is still the same.

Jason White, assistant professor of accounting, economics and finance, was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award, given to a Northwest alumni for excellent teaching.

White, a 1991 Northwest graduate, said this is the greatest honor he has received during his teaching career.

While married a fellow Northwest graduate and they became "a husband and wife Bearcat couple" who call Maryville home along with their children.

Phyllis (Combs) Leet, class of 1949, received the Turret Service Award which recognizes time and talent contributed to the University. Leet is a member of Northwest Foundation Board of Directors and serves on the education committee. She is also a member of the Centennial Society.

She has also started a scholarship in the department of family and consumer sciences. Ann (Cowan) Rowlette, class of 1955, received the Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Award for

excellent teaching and service for many years at Northwest.

She was an associate professor of family and consumer sciences for 33 years. Rowlette was the director of freshmen seminar, and the adviser for Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She retired in 2004.

Brad Lager, class of 1997, was awarded the Young Alumni Award. This award is for a graduate of Northwest who received their diploma in the last decade. The recipient must also demonstrate outstanding professional and volunteer efforts.

Lager, Missouri's fourth district state representative, said this award made him grateful.

While at Northwest Lager never imagined participating in politics, he said he was more interested in business and the competitive market.

Lager said he grew as a person in his four years at Northwest and was involved in numerous activities.

"I went to school with many great people," Lager said.

Brenda Untick, alumni relations specialist, said the banquet went well, and this year two new awards were given. The Kansas City Alumni and Friends Chapter received the Outstanding Chapter Award. Mark Pickel was awarded the Outstanding Chapter Member of the Year Award. Pickel is from the St. Joseph Alumni and Friends Chapter.

This year's banquet offered a chance for alumni to get a picture taken with their family. Portraits were taken by Bateman Photography in Maryville.

The Northwest Big Band was on hand to provide swing music.

Untick said the Alumni Association accepts nominations from faculty and staff year round for the awards banquet.

Nominations for the 2007 banquet are being accepted until Feb. 15, 2007.

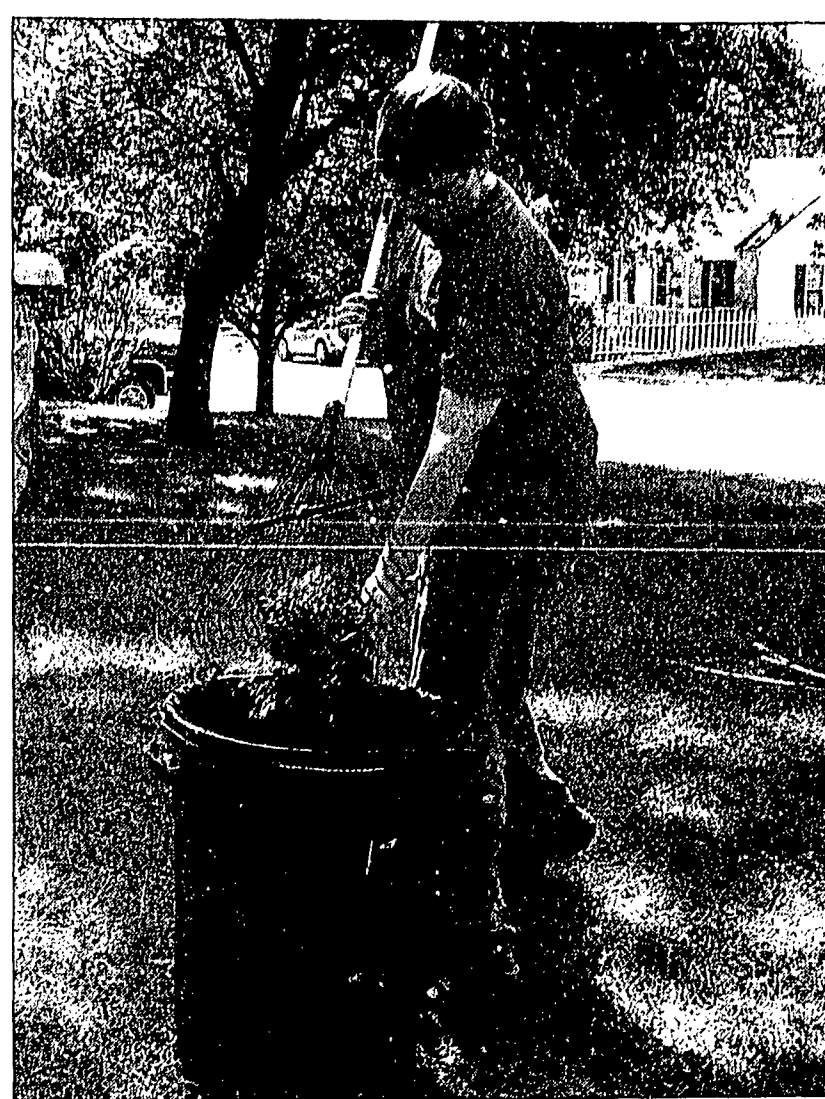
Blackford has plenty of experience for the job.

"There's no question that Jim brings an overwhelming amount of expertise to the table," Covert said in press release. "It's also important to note that Chuck Place has done an outstanding job leading the foundation through a memorable time in the University's history."

Blackford hopes, under his leadership the foundation can help potential donors realize the benefits their contributions can have.

"When we measure success we usually measure it with dollars received, dollars collected but we need to understand that it's not just the dollars in and of themselves. It's how we use the money for the growth," Blackford said. "The real benefit is what could be done with those dollars."

A HELPING HAND



Christopher Curtis, 14, takes leaves on the front lawn of his grandmother, Frieda Tunell's, house. Tunell, a Maryville resident, receives help from family members.

New mammography test less uncomfortable

Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter

Walking into the examination room, nervousness overwhelms you. Although you know it's something you need to do, you've heard others describe the procedure as uncomfortable and even frigid.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Services' administrators hope their newly-purchased foam pads will alleviate the pain and coldness associated with the compression plates on the mammography machine.

The Mammopad is a foam disc that was designed by BioLumac, a company that distributes women's health products. It is designed to offer a warmer and softer mammogram.

The Mammopad is a one-time use foam pad. After being used it is sent back to the company and recycled in to carpet padding.

Marilyn Alexander, registered mammography technologist, said the Mammopad will cost over \$5 a patient.

St. Francis has also extended the hours they perform mammograms to better serve the public. Alexander said there are a lot of working women in the area who sometimes have a difficult time getting away long enough to have a mammogram.

A couple days a week there will be two new time slots offered in the morning and three additional time slots in the afternoon.

Alexander said it is recommended that women get their first mammogram between the ages of 35 and 40, and they should get annual mammograms after the age of 40.

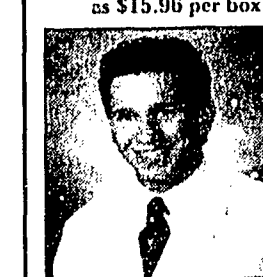
Rita Miller, Community Relations and Development Manager at St. Francis, said this event is being sponsored by Nodaway County Crusade Against Cancer, the Nodaway County Health Department and St. Francis Hospital.

Miller said they are also trying to schedule a few speakers that morning.

Alexander said she hopes more women come in for a mammogram for their self and their family.

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Missouri initiates cattle theft task force

Dominic Genetti
Community Editor

Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt recently organized a group to crack down on cattle thefts taking place throughout the state.

Made up of volunteers from 114 Missouri county sheriff departments along with the Missouri Highway Patrol and other departments, the Cattle Theft Task Force (CTTF) is keeping an eye out for thefts.

"We know that we've got a problem," said Jason Clark of the Missouri Highway Patrol. "We are actively and collectively working as a unit."

In order to investigate and keep up with the thefts taking place in the state the CTTF relies on intelligence information provided by the Missouri Analysis Center.

Unlike other task forces throughout the state, Clark said the CTTF is not keeping any statistical data due to its equivalency to other forces.

Official reports of cattle thefts throughout Missouri are only available through county sheriff offices.

Records show that cattle thefts were reported in Miller and Cooper counties. Though Nodaway County has no reports of cattle thefts through the CTTF, those within the county are keeping a watchful eye open.

John Anderson is the barnyard manager at United Producers Inc., Maryville. He said the best thing to do

is keep checking on the herd.

"Keep lights on and keep gates locked," Anderson said.

The easy money that can be made from selling cattle is the motivation for stealing them, Anderson said. It is very easy to remove a tag from the cow's ear or remove the computer chips.

Anthony A. Smith, 34, of Phelps County, was arrested on Sept. 11 for his involvement with an investigation and has been implicated in thefts occurring in Miller and Cooper counties. Stolen cattle estimated to be worth approximately \$100,000 were recovered at Smith's residence. So far, Smith has been charged in three different counties.

Missourians can do their part as well to help the CTTF. Anyone noticing suspicious activity or a crime taking place can call the Missouri Information Analysis Center at 1-866-362-MIAC (6422).

Some of the biggest changes at the center over the last 20 years have been seeing many of the staff complete their Child Development Associate requirements. The preschool curriculum has been greatly enhanced to give children opportunity to grow their abilities in all areas of development: physical, social, intellectual, emotional and educational. Pre-kindergarten graduates are now held for children who have completed the preschool program and will be attending kindergarten the next year.

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Sewer line project underway

Dominic Genetti
Community Editor

Sally Tennishill has lived in her Park Avenue home for 18 years. Stricken with multiple sclerosis, Tennishill cannot drive and is forced to go to the side of her house where her friends from church can pick her up due to the construction along on the north side of Maryville.

First it was Main Street that went under the jackhammer, but now Park Avenue is undergoing a maintenance facelift.

To drive underground sewage away from flowing underneath the houses, another line is being made along Park Avenue, which leads across the north portion of the Dollar General store parking lot connecting with Main Street.

The project was originally planned for the project to be done earlier, but due to seven days of rain, it was postponed.

Maryville Public Works director Gregg Decker said this is a brand new line and it will go around a specific area.

Decker also said the old lines will be left in the ground. He expects the new line to last 40 to 50 years.

Additionally, the project is costing \$99,458 which will come out of the city's sewer maintenance budget.

After completion there are no plans to make any full repairs to the road or to the Dollar General parking lot. Only repairs where maintenance for the project occurred will be made.

Despite the major construction on the parking lot, Dollar General Store Manager Melanie Miller said there hasn't been any difference in patronizing.

Decker explained the communication between the store and the public works department.

"The contractor is working with the store manager and the city is working with the property owner," Decker said.

Dollar General does not own the property at its North Main Street location. Currently, the condition of Park Avenue consists of dirt piles left from maintenance workers installing the new pipeline.

Accompanying the construction is minor inconveniences for local residents.

Amber Galbraith and her

family have not experienced trouble given their house is at the top of a hill.

She did say, on behalf of her neighbors across the street, that there have been problems.

Galbraith said across the street basements have been flooding and there have been problems with sewers at the Park Avenue Apartment complex.

However, feedback towards Decker has been low.

"I have not heard any complaints about construction," Decker said.

The final manhole was put in on Monday and given fair weather, Decker is hoping the project will be done within the next 10 days.

How much will the sewer line project cost?

\$99,458, coming from the city's sewer maintenance budget.

Why is the additional sewer line being installed?

To prevent sewage from flowing underneath houses.

What is the life of the new line?

Director of Public Works Gregg Decker predicts they will last 40 to 50 years.

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COACHES: Tatum, Tjeerdsma face-off Saturday

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ground game with 76 yards a game and comes off a 103-yard game against rival Pittsburg State.

"There is a lot of familiarity," said Northwest free safety Tyler Martin. "Their quarterback is very gifted, he has a good arm, he poses some threats...but it comes down to who executes the best."

Cornerback Quinten Womack said the defense just has to hold Missouri Southern's potentially explosive offense—which scores an average of 31 points per game. Northwest's defense has held opponents to 11.2

points per game, good for second best in the conference.

"We don't expect to shut down the offense," Womack said. "We just have to be covering them."

On defense, Missouri Southern leads the conference in turnover margin with plus five turnovers. Northwest's defense is a close second with a plus four turnover differential.

"It's one of those games where mistakes can be a big factor," Tjeerdsma said.

Quarterback Josh Mathews enters the game with a 64.1 percent completion percentage and 236.5 passing yards per game, best in the confer-

ence. Running back Xavier Omon leads the 'Cats in scoring with nine touchdowns, averaging nearly 28 carries per game and 114.5 yards per game. Kendall Wright leads Northwest in receiving with 90.2 yards per game and two total touchdowns.

Though Northwest comes off a big win against rival Missouri Western, the players and coaches don't believe they will underestimate Missouri Southern, who has lost 11 straight games to Northwest.

"It was a big win," Martin said. "It was one step...it's (Missouri Southern) is one we're not looking past."

OMON: Running back out to prove himself nationally

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And in Omon's mind, as he was training in the offseason, was the national championship game. As he worked out and prepared for another season he just remembered one simple fact: he only carried the ball twice in the second half of the national championship game, after gaining more than 60 yards in the first half.

Northwest lost the game and the scarce amount of carries Omon received posed many "what ifs." Bart Tatum was the offensive coordinator at the time, and three days after the game, he took the head coaching job at Missouri Southern, Northwest's opponent this week.

"With Tatum, I was pretty mad when I found out he left just because after the championship game I was just disappointed that we obviously didn't win," Omon said. "I don't care if Mitch Herring was in there, I just don't care who was in there I just thought we could have run the ball and win the game."

"When I heard he took the Missouri Southern job, I'm not going to lie, that was the first thing that crossed my mind, 'when we play them, I can't wait.'"

Omon said though, after a summer to think, he couldn't blame Tatum and wishes him luck at Missouri Southern.

"Now that we've played a couple of games and I had all summer, I was off on my own, I



Northwest running back Xavier Omon turns a corner and rushes for a big gain against Missouri Western Saturday at Bearcat Stadium.

went back to Beatrice, I got time to think about some stuff, I can't blame him for that loss," Omon said. "I can't blame anybody, I guess I could more of the blame on myself. So I have nothing against Tatum...Coach Tatum is a great coach."

Omon enters the game averaging nearly 28 carries a game and he rushed a season-high 35 times Saturday. He has rushed for more than 100 yards in three of the first four games.

"It's good to know that Coach trusts you enough to give you the ball that much," Omon said. "And they're still talking about giving me the ball more. It's just a good feeling to know that your hard work in the offseason is paying off."

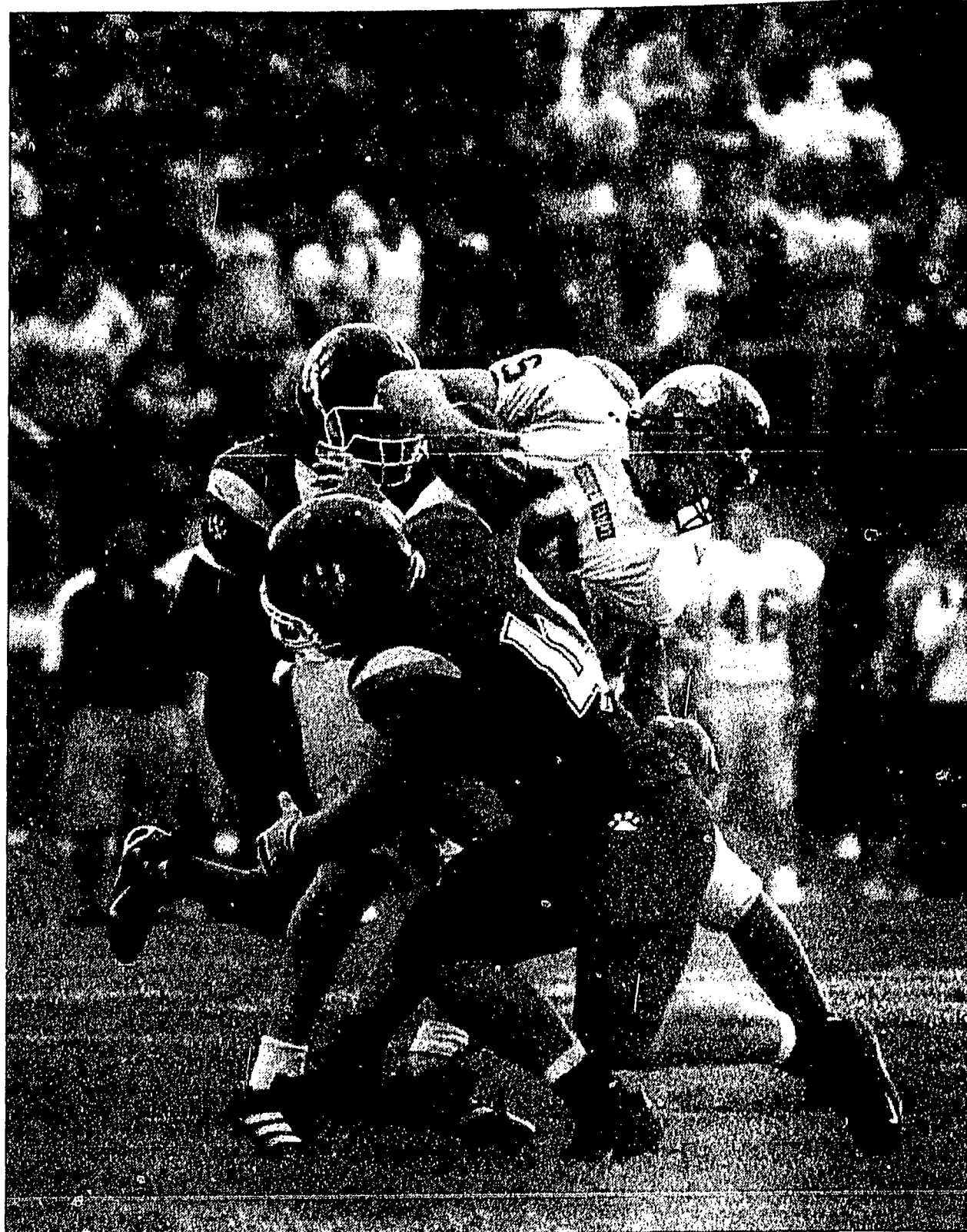
Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said he can see the difference in Omon this season.

"He's a different player this year, he's having more fun," Tjeerdsma said. "He gets better as the game goes along...But we have to be a little careful with that (the amount of carries per game). We want to keep everybody healthy."

Omon's goal this year is simple: win the coveted championship that barely eluded the 'Cats last season. But as for his overall mark at Northwest, Omon has set the bar high.

"I want to be known, obviously, as the best running back in the nation. That's what I'm out to prove, that there's nobody that can do more than I can do," he said. "By the time I'm a senior and I leave, I want to be known as probably one of the best running backs to not just come through Northwest but through Division II football."

STAYING PUT



Northwest linebacker Thomas Smith, left, and a Northwest defender keep Missouri Western quarterback Matt Landess in check Saturday. Northwest won the game 24-21 and took possession of the conference lead with the victory.

BY THE NUMBERS: NORTHWEST VS. MISSOURI SOUTHERN

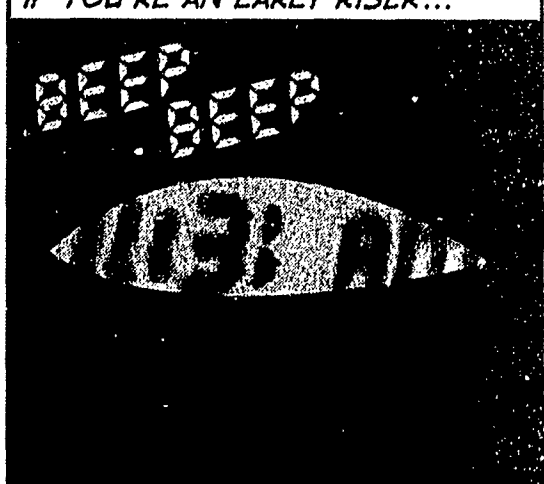
Scoring Northwest 29.2 Missouri Southern 31.0	First Downs Allowed Northwest 65 Missouri Southern 78	84.0 YPG Lance Norman- 13 catches, 249 yards, 1 TD, 62.2 YPG Matt Farrell- 10 catches, 87 yards, 0 TD, 21.8 YPG Ronald Newman- 7 catches, 70 yards, 0 TD, 17.5 YPG
Scoring Defense Northwest 11.2 Missouri Southern 29.5	Time of Possession per game Northwest 31:56 Missouri Southern 32:37	Defensive Leaders Northwest Thomas Smith- 29 Tackles, 24 Solo, 1.0 Sacks, 1 Forced Fumble Ben Harness- 20 Tackles, 13 Solo, 1.0 Sacks Ryan Waters- 18 Tackles, 10 Solo 3.0 sacks Jared Erspamer- 17 Tackles, 13 Solo, 2 INT's Sean Paddock- 8 Tackles, 7 Solo, 1.5 Sacks Missouri Southern Jordan Chapman- 25 Tackles, 10 Solo, 2 INT's Moses Mango- 24 Tackles, 15 Solo, 2 INT's Elbert Johnson- 19 Tackles, 11 Solo, 2.0 Sacks Devin Rulleaga- 13 Tackles, 7 Solo, 3.5 Sacks, 2 Forced Fumbles Jared Browner- 20 Tackles, 7 Solo, 1.0 Sacks, 1 INT
Passing yards per game Northwest 237.2 Missouri Southern 224.2	Opponents Time of Poss. Northwest 28:04 Missouri Southern 27:21	Kicking Tommy Frawort- 4/7 FG, 2/2 20-29 yards, 1/2 40-49 yards, 15/15 PAT's Northwest Brian Malotte- 1/1 FG, 1-1 30-39 yards, 17/17 PAT's Missouri Southern
Passing Defense Northwest 171.5 Missouri Southern 250.5	Passing Leaders Josh Mathews- 66-103, 946 yards, 7TD's, 1 INT Northwest Adam Hingspeler- 81-112, 897 yards, 4TD's, 2 INT's Missouri Southern	
Rushing yards per game Northwest 132.2 Missouri Southern 123.2	Rushing Leaders Xavier Omon- 111 carries, 458 yards, 8TD's, 4.1 YPC Northwest Kendall Newman- 62 carries, 304 yards, 4TD's, 4.9 YPC Missouri Southern	
Rushing Defense Northwest 89.5 Missouri Southern 136.8	Receiving Leaders Northwest Kendall Wright- 21 catches, 361 yards, 2 TD's 90.2 YPG E.J. Falkner- 17 catches, 228 yards, 1 TD, 27.0 YPG Raphael Robinson- 8 catches, 140 yards, 1 TD, 35.0 YPG Mike Peterson- 9 catches, 132 yards, 1 TD, 33.0 YPG	
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RB: Xavier Omon (1), Kendall Newman (2)	RB: Matt Landess (1), Matt Landess (2)
WR: Adam Hingspeler (1), Adam Hingspeler (2)	WR: Matt Landess (1), Matt Landess (2)
TE: Adam Hingspeler (1), Adam Hingspeler (2)	TE: Matt Landess (1), Matt Landess (2)
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DL: Adam Hingspeler (1), Adam Hingspeler (2)	DL: Matt Landess (1), Matt Landess (2)
LB: Adam Hingspeler (1), Adam Hingspeler (2)	LB: Matt Landess (1), Matt Landess (2)
CB: Adam Hingspeler (1), Adam Hingspeler (2)	CB: Matt Landess (1), Matt Landess (2)
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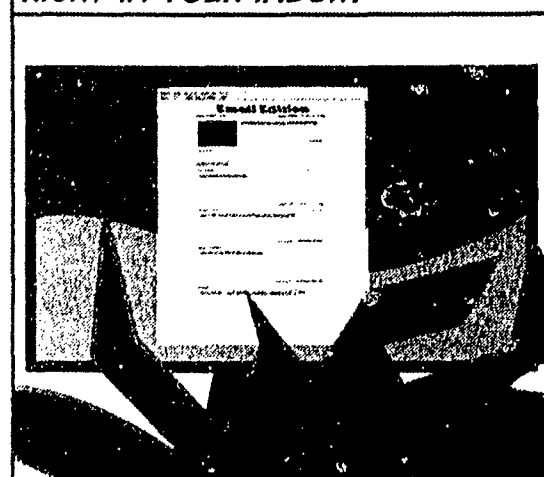
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-NW VOLLEYBALL



Bearcat Molly Hankins tips the ball over the net during the game last Wednesday.

Bearcats stumble on Kansas trip

Cali Arnold
Assistant Sports Editor



Nicole Wojtowicz
libero

The Northwest volleyball team continued to struggle Friday and Saturday, going 1-6 on its road trip to Kansas. As of Saturday, the team had lost 10 of 12 matches after starting the season 5-1.

After suffering a 3-1 loss to Missouri Western Sept. 20, the Bearcats traveled to Emporia State Friday for a MIAA matchup. Northwest lost in three games, 19-30, 25-30, 21-30, and only managed a hitting percentage of .130.

"We didn't have any fire or sharpness...and not much communication," head coach Anna Tool said. "We need to have a lot of communication and just be ready to be involved in everything and play smart to finish."

Tool and the rest of the 'Cats said the team is right where it should be physically, but have lots of room for improvement mentally.

"I think it (the game against Emporia State) was kind of a gut check for a lot of people on what they think they're doing and what they're actually doing," senior Molly Hankins said. "It really gave us something that we all could focus on completely for Saturday to turn and turn that around fast."

While the team suffered another MIAA loss to Washburn the next day (28-30, 27-30, 28-30, 19-30), Northwest did make some improvements. Junior Nicole Wojtowicz tallied a career high 31 defensive digs, and senior Mackenzie Heston continued her offensive dominance with 21 kills. The 'Cats dropped to 7-11 overall and 1-4 in the MIAA with the loss.

A different rotation made things "click" against Washburn Wojtowicz said. The play of her teammates also contributed to her career high.

-NW TENNIS

Tennis set to host 16th ITA regional

Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

Northwest men's tennis team will host its 16th consecutive Intercollegiate Tennis Association regional tournament in Maryville this weekend, starting Friday and running through Sunday. Teams will be competing at the Grube and High Rise Courts on the Northwest campus and at the courts in Beal Park.

The event regularly features teams from across the upper Midwest, including Colorado and Minnesota. Regional champions in singles and doubles competition move on to the ITA National Small College Championships in Fort Myers, Fla., on Oct. 12-13.

Senior Pablo Acebedo brings

experience from last year ITA Regionals, after making it to the quarterfinals in 2005. Acebedo lost to eventual regional champion Peter Grimsey 6-3, 6-3.

In the women's ITA regional tournament last weekend hosted by Washburn, junior Carolina Armalar was the only Bearcat to advance to the second day of competition.

She lost in the third round to the seventh seed, Ivette Wolfram of Southwest Baptist, 6-5, 6-2.

The tandem of Lina Gomez and Veronica Castilla were the only Northwest doubles team to advance out of first-round action.

The pair lost 8-6 to Truman State's Courtney Walther and Lindsay Blair.

LOST CAUSE



Kendall Wright dives for a pass during Saturday's game against Missouri Western for Family Day. Northwest beat the rival Missouri Western 24-21.

-NW CROSS COUNTRY

'Cats keep up with bigger D-I schools

Nate Gonner
Missourian Reporter

In what could be the biggest meet the men's cross country team runs in all year, the Bearcats tried to show where they stood among the elite cross country teams.

Five hundred plus runners, representing schools from across the country competed last Saturday in the Roy Griak Invitational in St. Paul, Minn.

With the women taking the week off, the men's cross country team traveled to the meet alone. The men finished 17th in the meet. Although the team ran well coach Richard Alsop still found things his team needed to improve on.

"I didn't think we got out in the beginning of the (meet) very well and sometimes that dictates quite a bit what's going to happen," Alsop said. "You establish a lot in the first mile or two."

Senior Matt Polown continued to lead the 'Cats finishing in 41st place with a time of 26:56 in the 8K race. Senior Drew Wilson finished second for the 'Cats and 80th overall with a time of 27:23. The meet turned out to be a beneficial experience for the

team. "It's a great experience just to be a part of a meet like that," senior Drew Wilson said. "I mean 500 people, you don't get to see that everyday and it's one of the nation's biggest meets."

The women's team is in Memphis, Tenn., this weekend as they compete in the Rhodes Invitational Saturday. The men's team however has a week off and will join the women's team on Oct. 6 when both teams travel to compete in the Coyote Invitational in Vermilion, S.D. Look for a good showing in Memphis.

"We are looking forward to a good meet," Lork said. "We are looking to be very competitive and to be among the better teams, and I think we are at a point now where we can do quite well."

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—MHS SOCCER



Spoofhound's Chad Proctor kicks the ball upfield during Maryville's game against Smithville Tuesday afternoon. The 'Hounds lost the game 4-1.

Smithville runs past Maryville

Sam Robinson
Missourian Reporter

After putting together consecutive victories, the Maryville Spoofhounds' soccer team dropped one to Smithville on Tuesday.

The 'Hounds lost 4-1 to the experienced Warriors, who have qualified for the state tournament two out of the past three seasons. Coach Stuart Collins felt playing a team like Smithville will give his team a chance to see a strong squad in action and fix some of their bad tendencies.

"I look forward to it every time they come here, it gives us a chance to learn," Collins said. "If we're not going to win, at least we can learn from their quality of play."

The majority of the first half

was spent near the Maryville goal as Smithville dictated the pace of the game.

The Warriors swiftly passed the ball around adjacent 'Hound defenders with frequency and consistently beat them to the ball defensively.

Shortly after a hard collision negated a prior Smithville breakthrough, the Warriors, already up a goal, got their second when Brian Scheider's juke move froze the 'Hounds' defense and passed it back towards the center, allowing an easy shot on goal to make it 2-0.

The game went into the half with the deficit at 3-0.

Freshman defenseman Evan Johnson was one of the players having to continually help protect the net against Smithville scoring threats.

"We really responded in the second half. These guys don't know how to quit,"

—Stuart Collins, coach

tration to overcome. "We knew we had to play on their level and above."

The 'Hounds got to the War-

riors' level in the second half but the damage was done.

Goalie John Seipel helped out his team's cause by crafting a near-perfect half in only allowing one goal despite many seeing a barrage of shots and making several acrobatic saves in the process.

Junior midfielder Jon Rogers scored the 'Hounds lone goal within seconds of the closing whistle to avoid the shutout. Even in the loss, Collins saw a turnaround to build on during the second period.

"We really responded in the second half," Collins said. "These guys don't know how to quit." Maryville now stands at 4-6-1 and continues its season at 4:30 p.m. today at Donaldson Park against Bishop LeBlond.

—MHS SOFTBALL

'Hounds halt comeback

Scott Levine
Missourian Reporter

It looked as if Caitlin Woods would cruise on the mound for the Maryville High School softball team, Monday.

Woods had a no-hitter through four innings, but host Lafayette mustered two runs in the fifth and one run in the sixth to tie the game at three runs apiece. Only one of Lafayette's runs was earned.

"No matter how the other team gets runs, whether earned or unearned, I try to pitch better and try to keep the attitudes of my teammates up," Woods said.

In the end, the Spoofhounds' bats helped Woods towards the win, stringing together six runs in the final inning, preserving a 9-3 victory.

Woods finished with five strikeouts and the team's performance pleased Maryville coach Jacqui Conn.

"As the season is coming to a close, I think we want to fight more," Conn said. "They're trying to pick it up for districts."

The 'Hounds start district play Oct. 5.

After Lafayette notched one

run in the sixth inning to bring the score to 3-3, the ninth hitter in the 'Hounds line-up, Kendra Coulter, started a key seventh-inning rally.

Coulter led off with a walk and Jordan Gadois followed with a single for Maryville. Emily Howell loaded the bases after a single and Lindsay Schreck knocked in the go-ahead run off an error.

After the inning finished, the 'Hounds delivered four hits, six runs and three RBI. Mariah Stiens had the lone extra base hit with a two-run double.

"The girls just started hitting the ball and (Lafayette) just couldn't do anything quite right," Conn said. "It was like a domino effect and we just fed off each other."

Howell ended with two hits and one RBI, while Schreck registered two RBI. Coulter and Lizz Prost each had two hits.

"We fight until the end of the game," Woods said. "We are not going to give up."

The 'Hounds improved to 5-9 overall with the win. Maryville returns to action at 5 p.m., Thursday, against North Platte in Dearborn, Mo.

NFL WATCH

Three former Northwest football players recently made the jump to the National Football League. Here is a brief look at where the three currently are playing.



Steve Williams
Dallas Cowboys

The defensive tackle is in his first year in the NFL and is currently a member of the practice squad.



Jamaica Rector
Dallas Cowboys

The wide receiver is in his second year in the NFL and has returned four punts for 22 yards in one game this season.



Dave Tollefson
Green Bay Packers

The defensive end is in his first year in the NFL and is currently a member of the practice squad.

—MHS FOOTBALL

CAMERON: 'Hounds face conference rival

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to stop him, but you've got to slow him down."

On the defensive side of the football, Maryville matches up fairly even to Cameron. Oglesby leads the Dragons in tackles (37.5) while Jordan Tharp leads the Dragons (26). Maryville gives up more points (26.8) than Cameron (16.0).

In three of Maryville's first four games, they have given up 30 or more points. Cameron's worst defensive performance came in week 2 against state-ranked Harrisonville, when they gave up 27 points.

A win against Cameron would go a long way for a team that sits at 1-3 in the MEC. With games against Platte County and Savannah left on the MEC schedule, Holt said it was important for the team to shape up before district play begins.

"We've got to get as good as we can until districts," Holt said. "We don't want to lose these next three MEC games and go into districts with one win because that's terrible."

Kickoff for the game is set for 7 p.m., Friday, in Cameron.

What's your horoscope?

Today's Birthday (09-28-06)

Follow a hunch to find that illusive satisfaction you've been seeking. Don't worry about the money; it'll be easy to get. Focus on the art, and don't be rigid about the outcome.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries(March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 — You don't have to do everything, although you think you can. Share the load and have more fun. Be a team player.

Taurus(April 20-May 20)

Today is a 5 — Follow through on a promise you made to yourself. If you can't think of one, make one now. It won't be a burden; it'll be an inspiration.

Gemini(May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8 — If you're smart, and you are, you're not in this alone. You have at least one strong assistant. Get that person to take over some of the management duties.

Cancer(June 22-July 22)

Today is a 5 — You have an opportunity now to greatly enhance your reserves. Stash away as much as you can. As you well know, more is better.

Leo(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 — There's no point in sitting around feeling sorry for yourself. Get busy and figure out a way to get back into the game.

Virgo(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 5 — Figure out what you really want, and get rid of a lot of the rest. Be practical, but allow yourself a few luxuries, too.

Libra(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 — You have a couple of good ideas, but don't go bounding off. There's more planning to be done. If you don't want to race right off a cliff. And even more if you do.

Scorpio(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 5 — You don't have to do without for long, you can always come up with another source of revenue. Don't tell anybody about it.

Sagittarius(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 — You exude trustworthiness, and that's partially why people often ask you to intervene and help them to decide. Tell them the truth, and what they want to hear. It's your duty.

Capricorn(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 5 — Pick each step carefully, as you climb up to the top. Even an impossible dream is achievable, this way. Keep your objective in mind.

Aquarius(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 — The reason people like to do things for you is obvious. You're always available to them when they need assistance. What goes around comes around.

Pisces(Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 — If at first you don't succeed, don't turn around and give up. Ask again, and again, and again. Eventually, you'll wear them down.

—STROLLER

Your Man survives the dorm elevator everyday

I am, like many others, a survivor.

I have risked life and limb riding the residence hall elevators, and, thankfully, I am alive to reflect upon these experiences. Every time I exit an elevator, I can't help but feel a little courageous and at the same time—curious.

As any campus elevator rider will know, there exists much more to these thrill rides than just defying death. Forming deep and meaningful bonds between people, glancing upon the top of the line R.A. art, and gaining insight about how others live, are all think I gain by riding the elevator.

Also, I find that camaraderie shared between riders is astounding. Almost always, when I exit the elevator with another survivor, there is a matter of milliseconds, in an exchange so profound and yet so subtle that mere passer-bys would not notice. Usually, this exchange occurs via eye contact or a slight nod. Oddly enough, a lot of people just say "Thank You."

Even when I remained on the elevator as others departed onto various floors, I still received gratitude. I believe the reason why this happens is something similar to walking someone to their car or dorm at night or holding hands while watching a particularly scary movie.

After I had gotten used to the whole rid-

ing bit, I soon started to notice various characteristics about types of floors. For example (and not at all a surprise), all male floors smell. Understand that I use the word "smell" loosely. The odor that permeates everything on these floors just "is." Some-

thing so unnatural to this world could only be born through the sacrifice of a virgin and nourishment by freshman males. I would sooner perform ritualistic Japanese suicide, seppuku, than live on these floors for more than a school year.

Conversely, I found out that the scent of all female floors come in two varieties. The first type is one of too much perfume; that's about all I can remember about those floors, as I blacked out momentarily due to toxin exposure. The other type of female floor has it just right—a perfect harmony of manufactured scents, while at the same time having the slightest hint of an outdated residence hall.

Regardless of the personal risk I assume by taking a joy ride, I will continue to take the elevator.

And, is it just me, or does the elevator in the Administration Building seem like a mini-insane asylum?

The stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

—MOVIE REVIEW

'The Covenant' bewitches New England

Imagine being a teenager and having the power to do whatever you want, and you're guaranteed to get away with it.

That's the scenario for four childhood friends growing up in Massachusetts in "The Covenant."

The four are descendants of families that had powers. Stories are told of five families who moved to the Ipswich colony in 1692 to escape persecution. The families signed a covenant to help protect their secret, but one family abused their power and became victims of the witch hunts.

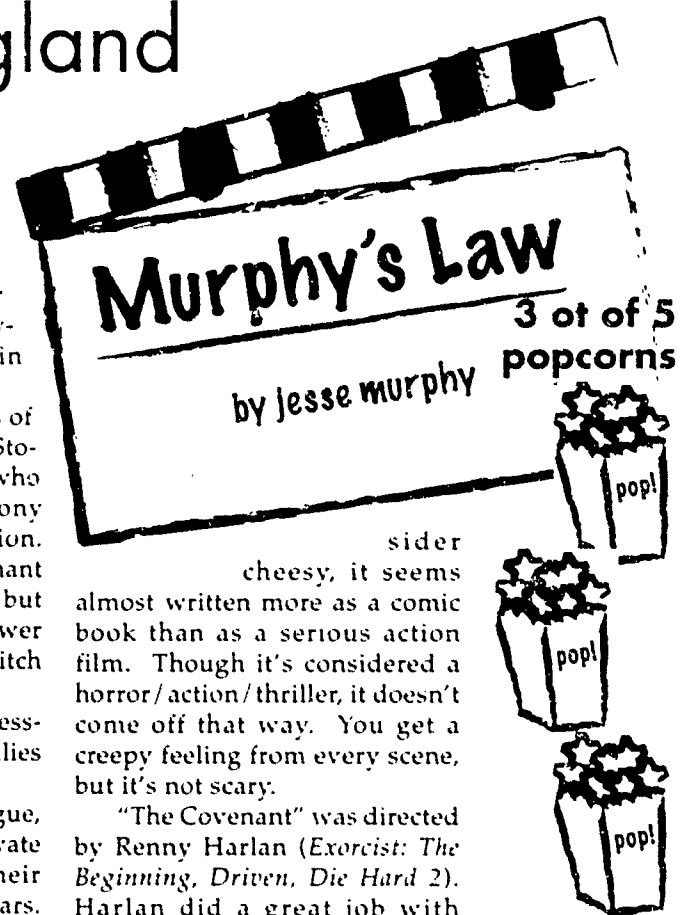
In modern times (I'm guessing by the Escalade), the families are still modern.

The four boys, Caleb, Pogue, Tyler and Reid attend a private school in the same area their families have been for 300 years. The first-born son of each family inherits the powers that develop at 13 years old.

The boys seem to abuse their powers despite the fact that it becomes more addictive the more you use it. The power also causes you to age abnormally, as you soon find out when you see Caleb's father.

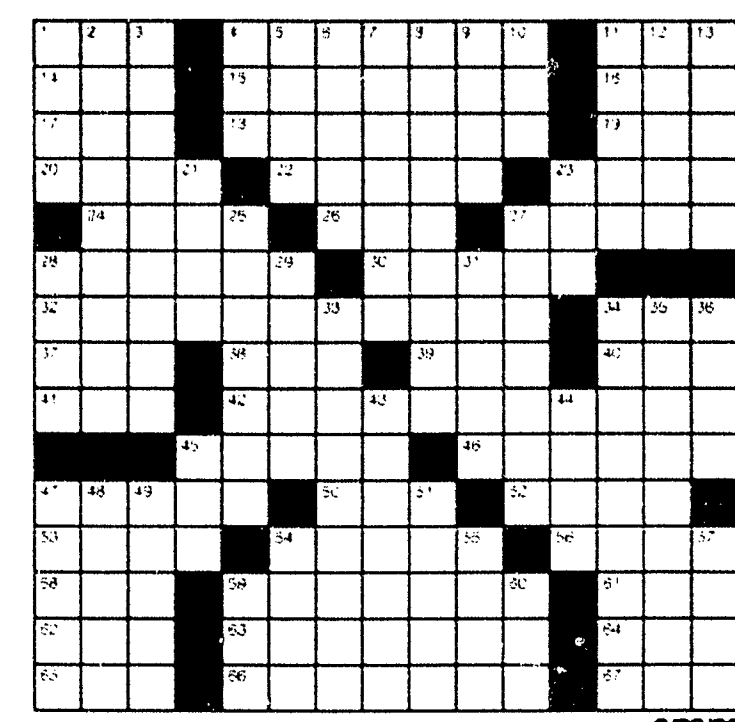
Caleb, the oldest and the leader, is the most powerful. He is approaching his 18th birthday, when he will "ascend" into adulthood, making him even more powerful. But things begin to go wrong when he starts to sense the presence of other magic. The boys obviously suspect each other, jealousy takes effect on some, and their friendship is tested.

The actors are basically names, but they all have either little-known movies or television experience. Because of the dialogue, which some would con-



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—INTRAMURALS

Intramural softball leads season

Nate Gonner
Missourian Reporter

As the leaves start to turn colors and autumn comes into full swing, the sound of metal can be heard from Donaldson Park, making one want to hold on to that last bit of summer.

With 36 teams separated into four leagues (fraternity, sorority, men's and women's) intramural softball is one of the major intramural happenings on the Northwest campus right now.

The championship tournament started Tuesday and runs through today. Intramural softball games were being played at Donaldson Park on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 6 p.m. Games lasted 40 minutes. However with the

starting date being so close to the start of school, it has some personal wanting to change the dates intramural softball is held.

"I don't like it just because it is so early and it doesn't allow people to get oriented with intramurals yet," said softball graduate assistant Kristin Larsen said. "It doesn't get warm enough in the spring for softball, otherwise we would probably try it in the spring. But it is one of those things trying to get people involved as soon as they get into school."

Although softball might be coming to a close there are more intramurals starting up in the next few weeks. Swim meets and flag football start in October and volleyball, badminton, and pickle ball all start in the

month of November. However, there is no doubt the most anticipated intramural is flag football.

"Football is pretty big in the Midwest and most of our students are from the Midwest," said recreational sports director Bob Lade. "You have 6,000 students on campus and there is a 100 on the (Northwest) football team. Well there is a lot of other people, especially in the male population, that played high school football and still want to play the game."

Sign up for flag football has already ended but there is time to sign up for the rest of this year's intramurals. Intramural football begins on Oct. 2. Games will be played at 3:30 p.m. at the Bearcat practice fields.

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Strumming along



Northwest student Justin Downing spends some of his time giving guitar lessons which helps finance his education. He got started playing the guitar when his mother gave him one for Christmas, even though he had never asked for one.

Photo by Stephanie Jorgel | Editor in Chief

Northwest student Justin Downing isn't seeking fortune or fame, he plays the guitar on his own terms

"I'm not really teaching, but more sharing, and helped with someone like if you were to show a 2-year-old how to add apples."

Tara Adkins
Chief Reporter

He doesn't play to be famous. He doesn't play to get rich. He plays to teach and learn the challenge of the guitar.

Northwest freshman Justin Downing uses his guitar to teach other students the beneficial techniques and strategies of playing guitar.

"I can't think of anything that I don't like about the guitar because it's so soothing, it gets people's attention but it can still help me with school," Downing said.

When he was in eighth grade, Downing's parents gave him a Fender Stratocaster for Christmas even though he expressed no desire to play.

Since he seemed bored in class and was not involved in extra-curricular activities, his teacher suggested a musical instrument would provide a challenge for him.

"Music helps expand the mind and the abilities of a person," Chris Coberman, Downing's mother, said. "Because music helps the mind, it helped him."

Three years after receiving the guitar, Downing lay restless and unable to sleep one night. He turned to his guitar, which had never been touched, and decided to play. The Fender Stratocaster cured his insomnia and gave him a desire for music.

Downing taught himself the basic three-chord progressions through repetition until he could play music of all genres including jazz, classical, improv blues and rock.

As a senior in high school, Downing took his ability to play guitar and tied the music with studying for his college-credit classes.

Downing would recognize biology, genetic sequences by basing four notes on the guitar with the four genetic letters A, C, G and T, which helped him connect his music with biology.

"I would read my textbook while playing the guitar and when I went to class I could think of the notes and the things would come with them and I would ace every test without that much studying," Downing said.

After his

friends convinced him, Downing has taught several other students the basic theory of guitar. He is willing to teach basic hand structure, building chords and the memorization of the fret board.

"I'm not really teaching, but more sharing a method with someone, like if you were to show a 2-year-old how to add apples," Downing said.

Downing offers free technique lessons to anyone interested who has a guitar. He can be contacted through e-mail at S200723@nwmissouri.edu.

"I'm not good enough to teach Bach, but I'm good enough to teach you to teach yourself how to play Bach," Downing said.

